

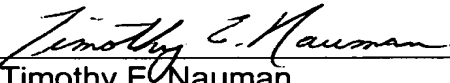
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Examination of the subject application as amended hereby is respectfully requested.

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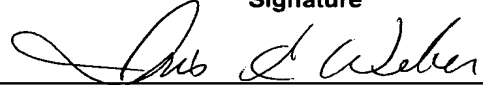
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